

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair  
Senator Brian Birdwell, Vice Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator Jane Nelson  
Senator Beverly Powell  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 22 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Springer to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 22 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out SB 185 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 185 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 572 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 572 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 904 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 904 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 275 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 275 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1158 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1158 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1339 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1339 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1678 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Campbell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1678 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed until 1 PM or upon adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:04 PM Senator Lucio, Jr. reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1178 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 4:10 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1178 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1678 as a matter of pending business. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1678 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1496 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1496 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:39 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 190 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 190 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1936 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1936 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 797 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hughes moved that SB 797 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 855 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hughes moved that SB 855 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 983 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 983 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 797 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 797 do not pass but that CSSB 797 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 983 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes moved that SB 983 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator

Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:43 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 185 as a matter of pending business SB 185. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 185 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 572 as a matter of pending business. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 572 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 904 as a matter of pending business. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 904 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 6:46 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

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Courtney Smith, Clerk